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THE SMELLS FISHY ISSUE



Daniel Archuleta daniela@smdp.com

HOME FOR NOW: City officials are considering closing the Senior Center in Palisades Park and moving services for the elderly to the Ken Edwards Center a few blocks east where WISE & Healthy Aging operates.

Seniors may lose ocean view

Move will improve services offered to the elderly, city official says

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

KEN EDWARDS CENTER A stroll north from the Santa Monica Pier through Palisades Park will take a pedestrian past a row of historic cannons, newly-established pétanque courts and a building full of seniors gathered for a bite to eat, movie or improvisational acting class.

The view might be nice, but City Hall is considering a move out of the seaside building and into the Ken Edwards Center, where officials say elderly patrons will have better access to services they need.

The change would consolidate most of the city and county-funded senior services

into one place, creating a “one-stop-shop” that would make it easier for seniors, said Robin Davidson, City Hall’s human services administrator for families, seniors and disability initiatives.

“When you’re 75 or 80 and you’ve never accessed social services before, it’s a horrible experience,” Davidson said.

That initiative will be cemented in July when WISE & Healthy Aging, a nonprofit that serves seniors, takes over responsibility for providing senior day activities.

Consolidation of senior activities at the Ken Edwards Center, where WISE & Healthy Aging is headquartered, began three years ago when the organization took over a nutrition program that currently

provides meals to seniors at the Senior Recreation Center on Ocean Avenue.

It also serves home-bound seniors through a subcontract with Meals on Wheels West.

The lunch program is central to what goes on at the recreation center, and City Hall approached WISE & Healthy Aging to see if it would take over activities at the site, wrote Grace Chen Braun, executive director of WISE & Healthy Aging, in an e-mail.

If WISE & Healthy Aging accepted, the idea was that things would shift from the current location on Ocean Avenue to the Ken Edwards Center.

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Talk about sticker shock

Fish mislabeling rampant in southern California

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Next time you walk into one of the approximately 40 restaurants that serve sushi in Santa Monica, be aware — that ono may not be what you think it is.

Such are the findings released this week by Oceana, an international nonprofit dedicated to protecting the world’s marine environments, that tested fish from sushi venues, grocery stores and restaurants in the Los Angeles area to see if what was on the label matched reality.

SEE FISH PAGE 10

Elaborate prom invites get new name: Prom-posals

BY BETH J. HARPAZ
Associated Press

NEW YORK Never mind a text that meekly asks “will u go 2 prom w/me?”

Today’s teenagers are taking a cue from elaborately staged wedding proposals, inviting each other to prom with flash mobs, scavenger hunts, homemade music videos and even airplane banners flying over the beach.

And while coming up with clever or romantic ways to ask someone to prom isn’t an entirely new concept, the effort and expense going into the big ask these days has given rise to a new term: Prom-posal.

“This year is the first time we’ve done prom invitations,” said Remy Colin, owner of Aerial Messages, a company that charges \$600 for a plane to fly a banner with a message on it. “It’s expensive as hell for a high schooler who doesn’t have any money, but we’ve done two in the past three months,” one in Myrtle Beach, S.C., and one in Tampa, Fla.

Alex Chichkov, 17, arranged for a plane

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, April 20, 2012

Tour the facility
Main Library

601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
12:30 p.m. — 1:30 p.m.

Docents will lead visitors through the
city's primary library, showing off what the
facility has to offer. The tour will showcase
the interior and exterior of the Leader in
Energy & Environmental Design building.
For more information, call (310) 458-8600.

'Proof' on stage
The Church in Ocean Park
235 Hill St., 8 p.m.

Upstart theater company Santa Monica
Rep presents the 2001 winner of the
Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award, "Proof."
With Santa Monica locals Ella Martin,
Gugun Deep Singh and Andrea Schell, as
well as L.A. stage veteran John Ross
Clark among the cast. The production
runs through May 12. For more informa-
tion, call (213) 268-1454.

In the news
Santa Monica College, Theatre Arts
Studio Stage

1900 Pico Blvd., 8 p.m.

"The Front Page," a classic hit Broadway
comedy, will debut at the SMC Studio
Stage Friday night and continue until April
28. The play follows a cocky newspaper
reporter who hides an escaped death row
inmate to ensure an exclusive interview.

Written by Ben Hecht and Charles
MacArthur, the original production opened
in 1928 on Broadway and has been per-
formed throughout the country and even
adapted into several films. Tickets are \$10
each. For more information,
call (310) 434-4319.

Celebrating the planet

2600 Beach Lot, 8 a.m. — 7:30 p.m.

The Tadasana International Festival of
yoga and music kicks off this Friday and
will continue through Earth Day weekend.
Activities will include yoga lessons, live
music, food and eco-shopping opportuni-
ties. Speakers will address the crowd
throughout the weekend on health, nutri-
tion and yoga topics. For more information
and tickets, call (415) 533-4052 or visit
www.tadasanafestival.com.

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For help, contact Daniel Archuleta at
310-458-7737 or submit to editor@smdp.com

For more information on any of the events listed,
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Remember the holocaust
Beth Shir Shalom

1827 California Ave., 7 p.m.,

In honor of Yom HaShoah (Holocaust
Remembrance Day), Beth Shir Shalom
Temple will present a special showing of
the award-winning short film 'Porcelain
Unicorn,' a sensitive and moving tale of
how a traumatic wartime encounter
inspires a man in later life. Keegan Wilcox,
the movie's director, and John Dixon, who
composed the movie's score, will be at
the Shabbat celebration. Cellist Lynn
Harrell and his wife, violinist Helen
Nightengale — both temple congregants
— will perform two original selections
composed by Dixon. Open to all. For
more information, call (310) 453-3361 or
visit www.bethshirshalom.org.

Saturday, April 21, 2012

Stand up for clean water
Santa Monica Beach

North of Santa Monica Pier, 9 a.m.

Come out and support Santa Monica
Baykeeper by participating in the inaugural
Earth Day Festival Stand-Up Paddle
Competition & Fun Race. Activities include
yoga on a paddle board, kid's education
and fun booth, water sampling demo and
solar-powered DJs. For more information,
visit sup4cleanwater.org or call
(310) 305-9645, ext. 114.

Hooray for Earth Day
Main Library

601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
11 a.m. — 12 p.m.

Come for a fun puppet show and stories
to celebrate nature and animals, then help
decorate grocery bags with environmental
themes. All bags will be donated to local
grocery stores in honor of Earth Day.
Ages 4 and up.

Opera talk
Main Library

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 p.m. — 4 p.m.

Attend a multi-media discussion on the
classic opera "La Boheme." These talks
are presented by the L.A. Opera
Community Educators and allow people to
learn about operas before attending them.
This event's presenter is Marylou Gottlieb,
from L.A. Opera Speakers Bureau. These
programs are free and all ages are wel-
come. Space is limited and on a first-
arrival basis. For more information or spe-
cial needs, call (310) 458-8606.



CORRECTION

Incorrect information appeared in the April 19 story "Chez Jay contends for new lease agreement." The correct name of a restaurant referenced is Back on the Beach.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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City Hall opens 'Bicycle Campus'

What better way to celebrate Earth Day than with alternative transportation?

This Sunday residents can test their bicycling skills at Santa Monica's new Bicycle Campus, an off-street learning area for people of all ages and abilities to become confident about riding.

The campus features a skills course for people to practice riding, handling and street skills with the aid of educational displays. The display boards are supported by a web-based bicycle education curriculum that includes videos. Groups may also use the campus to provide literature or classes.

The campus is located south of Ocean Park Boulevard at the Santa Monica State Beach. It is the first permanent cycling area in Santa Monica and the first of its kind in the greater Los Angeles area, city officials said.

"The Bicycle Campus provides an opportunity for people to gain the confidence to feel comfortable riding on city streets, as well as familiarity with bicycle-friendly design features that are being deployed on city streets," according to a press release from City Hall.

The opening-day festivities will kick off at 12:30 p.m. There will be bike training co-sponsored by Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District PTA Council, Santa Monica Bike Center and City Hall. The event is free.

KEVIN HERRERA

CITY HALL

Santa Monica wins big in tech

City Hall took home two first place Technology Solution Awards from the Public Technology Institute for its interactive web portal and social media channels focusing on future construction projects, as well as its mobile parking website to help people find parking in high-traffic areas.

The awards recognize governments at the forefront in deploying technology at the local level. This is the 13th consecutive year that Santa Monica has been recognized, city officials said.

Awards will be presented at the 2012 CIO & Leadership Summit, May 17-18 in Boston. More information on the Public Technology Institute can be found at www.pti.org/

To learn more about the "Be Excited! Be Prepared" campaign and the impacts of future infrastructure projects, go to www.smgov.net/bebp/

For more information on real-time parking, go to www.smgov.net/parkingmaps. Current information is available for 16 of Santa Monica's 33 Downtown and beach parking lots. In the coming year, City Hall will be adding more parking lots to the program, as well as partner with vendors to include real-time parking information for private lots, city officials said.

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Goldline pays its customers \$4.25M in refunds

Deadline to file claims May 22

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Editor in Chief

CITY HALL Forty-one customers of Santa Monica-based Goldline International, Inc. have returned precious metals they purchased from the company and have received more than \$4.25 million in refunds, according to a statement released Thursday by City Hall's Consumer Protection Unit.

Goldline has also paid \$800,000 into a fund for those customers who still want to keep their gold coins but would like to receive the difference between their original purchase price and the current value of their coins.

The money paid is part of a settlement Goldline reached with City Hall in February. City attorneys filed suit against Goldline claiming its employees tricked customers into buying gold coins with a marked up value, sometimes to the tune of 55 percent on top of the gold's worth, and directed customers away from reasonably-priced gold bullion.

As part of the settlement, Goldline, one of the nation's largest precious metals dealers boasting annual sales exceeding \$500 million, admitted to no wrongdoing.

An injunction imposed on Goldline as part of the settlement goes into effect on April 22, which will require the company to:

- Disclose its actual price markups, in recorded calls before each transaction;
- Follow a strict, factual script when discussing certain topics with consumers;
- Not tell consumers that the gov-



UP AND AWAY

Morgan Genser news@smdp.com

Viking Trevor Pye spikes the ball in a game against Beverly Hills High School at Samohi on Thursday. Samohi won in five games.

ernment can confiscate gold bullion;

- Not attempt to sell customers higher-priced coins once they have already paid for bullion;

- Set up a new phone line, staffed by non-commissioned employees, for refunds, liquidations and other customer service.

A court-appointed monitor has begun his duties to assure Goldline's compliance, city officials said.

Former customers who believe they were misled by Goldline must file a claim by May 22 at the following website: gold.smconsumer.org.

Goldline CEO Brian Crumbaker

confirmed the refunds and said the company is "pleased that it completed the financial settlement with the city of Santa Monica."

He emphasized that the settlement was voluntarily entered into and that Goldline was never found liable for any wrongdoing.

In a previous statement, Goldline said the number of customers who complained represented less than one tenth of one percent of the company's customers for the three years of purchases reviewed in the lawsuit.

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Park not pristine

Editor:

I agree with Linda Morris that the nativity scenes are dated and are badly in need of an upgrade (“Scenes don’t deserve space,” Letters to the Editor, April 17). She’s right. However, she is off base on the rest of her comments.

Linda says, “Nature’s landscape is spectacularly beautiful in this spot and cannot be improved upon by this or any other display.” She acts as if Palisades Park is some pristine nature preserve. Allow me to take you on a quick tour. The south end of the park starts off with a huge metal cannon pointed directly at the Santa Monica Pier. A nearby rock commemorates Earth Day. We continue on to the pétanque courts (don’t ask), the Camera Obscura, the Senior Center, another huge cannon pointed towards the pier to, I assume, blow up what the first cannon only maimed. Then there’s the tourist shack, the Will Rogers and Route 66 plaques, a memorial to the various branches of the military, countless rocks and plaques to our founding fathers, an art deco St. Monica and a circular memorial to John P. Jones, the founder of Santa Monica, that is large enough to seat 17.

Let’s not forget the modern blue erectile projectile overlooking the California Incline, a pergola reminiscent of the Renaissance; some sort of Asian influenced entry gate; more rock and plaque displays to various historical peeps; a wooden winter solstice orb; and we end our tour with a 20 or 30 foot totem pole that has been on the north end of the park since the 1930s. A wooden orb? A 1930s totem pole? Vintage cannons? Is this a park or an episode of “Storage Wars”?

So you see Palisades Park is hardly without displays. It’s your basic modernistic, militaristic, art deco, Renaissance, Ming Dynasty, Native American themed park with a side order of pétanque courts. (I said don’t ask!)

Furthermore, City Hall has sold the naming rights to over 200 park benches. Some plaques under each bench say “Uncle Bubba liked the park,” but many have poems, personal observations or new age assertions properly covered by the same free speech that should protect the nativity scenes. Let’s face it, if you really know where to look, our park has more signage than the Las Vegas strip.

And these are all permanent. So I don’t think a few temporary nativity scenes for two weeks in December are going to throw off the feng shui of a park that is a hodgepodge of displays to begin with.

Linda Morris continues, “Keep the park clean and preserve its natural beauty.” Clean? On my daily run through half the park today, I passed five piles of dog poo in various stages of decomposition . One can only estimate the gallons of dog pee sprinkled and tinkled each day.

Let’s be honest. There are all sorts of things going on the in park. People walk their dogs, run, play guitar, have exercise classes, shoot commercials and indie films, have weddings and picnics, host city sponsored disasters like Glow, lay on the grass where a dog just peed, name benches after Aunt Bubblious, and that’s all great. But let’s not pretend that nativity scenes and a menorah for a few days in December are going to ruin the purity of the park. To the contrary, they will fit in perfectly.

Eric Cooper
Santa Monica



Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Travis Bickle would have loved Florida

FOR THOSE TOO YOUNG TO HAVE SEEN IT, or those too old to quite remember, Travis Bickle (Robert De Niro) was the lead in Martin Scorsese’s rather dark 1976 movie, “Taxi Driver.” (Not exactly a musical.)

Bickle is a mentally unbalanced Vietnam vet who drives a taxi at night in New York City dwelling on how the world has become a cesspool. The perceived decadence and sleaze feeds Bickle’s violent urges. (Yikes!)

One of the more haunting scenes is in his barren apartment. Wearing a military fatigue jacket, Bickle imagines confronting enemies that exist in his head. “Are you talking to me?” he asks menacingly. “You must be because I’m the only one here.”

Lightning fast, a mechanically-rigged gun darts out of Bickle’s sleeve and into his ready hand. Naturally, the movie’s climax is a bloody shootout. (Did I mention it wasn’t a Disney movie?)

Well, Travis would have loved Florida, one of 24 states that have the “Stand Your Ground” law, aka “Shoot First Ask Questions Later.” (Or, “Shoot First and Why Bother with Questions?”)

“Stand Your Ground” basically states that if you “feel threatened” you have the right to use deadly force, not only in your home, but anywhere. Yes, as long as you are licensed to carry a gun, and you reasonably feel threatened, it’s fire away!

This brings me to George Zimmerman. He’s currently in jail facing a charge of second degree murder for the shooting death of 17-year-old Trayvon Martin, who was armed only with a bag of Skittles and some ice tea.

Before I go further, I beg your indulgence to answer a number of reader e-mails, and even a lengthy letter to the editor. Yes, of course Mr. Zimmerman deserves a fair trial where, hopefully, all the evidence will be presented. (Assuming the Sanford Police Department didn’t botch the case beyond repair.)

But the presumption of innocence shouldn’t stop me from being able to comment on what I see as the horrific ramifications of this unnecessary death. (In this case, an unarmed black youth, and what seems like hordes of others like him who tragically are filling the news lately.)

It’s safe to say that I’m not going to be a juror in Florida at the Zimmerman trial or, unless my readership extends far further than I imagine, that anything I write here could in any way prejudice a Florida jury pool. The fact is the insanity of “Stand Your Ground” might very likely allow Zimmerman to go free despite what I see as his reckless and racist behavior.

To those rallying to Zimmerman’s defense, the National Rifle Association and the Ted Nugent’s of the world, I ask why did he choose to ignore the 911 dispatcher who

told him not to follow Trayvon? The police were on their way, his presence not only wasn’t necessary, it turned out to be deadly.

In addition to an ugly racial slur, we hear Zimmerman on the 911 tape tell the dispatcher that Martin was “running away.” So how does “Stand Your Ground” extend to chasing someone who, in this case, hadn’t done a thing other than “walking while black?”

But it’s obvious that Zimmerman is going to assert that he felt threatened. Actually, if anyone had the right to have felt threatened it was Trayvon. In fact, if he’d had a gun, he could have blasted Zimmerman under

FRANKLY, I’M NOT A FAN OF THE UNCHECKED POWER OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT.

“Stand Your Ground.” Great, just what we need, more guns.

Frankly, I’m not a fan of the unchecked power of the Second Amendment. “A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.” Zimmerman may have thought of himself as a militia but he was anything but regulated.

As for bearing arms, according to recent statistics there are nine guns for every 10 Americans. A lovely thought. Then toss in the 24 “Stand Your Ground” states and we have a scenario that makes 19th century Dodge City and the wild west look like an English tea.

Actually, “Stand Your Ground” reminds me of America’s foreign policy, especially the Iraq war. Imagine you hear that your neighbor is going to kill you. Without evidence, you dynamite his house, killing everyone. When you discover that it was all a mistake, in the immortal words of Rick Perry, you reply, “Oops.”

It took a mere 45 days to charge Zimmerman. Meanwhile the White Plains, N.Y. cop who, in November 2011, shot and killed Kenneth Chamberlain, a 68-year-old ex-Marine with a heart condition, in his own apartment, has yet to be indicted. (Hopefully, soon.)

Some reader criticisms have essentially suggested that my writing is as twisted as Travis Bickle’s mind. To that I answer menacingly, “Are you e-mailing me? You must be because I’m the only one here.”

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DAILY PRESS EDITORIAL

Exercising the right to regulate

While Santa Monica's status as the yoga capital of the world is definitely debatable, one thing is certain — the city by the sea encourages its residents to be physically fit. From low-cost volleyball and swimming classes to investments in bicycle infrastructure and open space, City Hall has made it more convenient for residents to get healthy without having to sign up for an expensive gym membership.

But it's not just City Hall that makes Santa Monica a haven for the trimmed and toned. The pleasant weather and inspiring views entice people to put down the potato chips (baked of course) and get off the couch.

That is partly the reason why so many fitness trainers have set up shop in our parks and on the beach. Who wants to grunt and gasp in a stuffy workout study when you can burn those calories with refreshing ocean breezes keeping you cool?

With the increased numbers of trainers, boot camps and "Mommy and Me" classes have come more opportunities for locals to get in shape and improve their lives, which is wonderful.

However, it has also caused friction. Some have complained about being disturbed in their beds as trainers channel their inner drill sergeants and shout words of encouragement at their red-faced clients. Others have said they feel there is less room available for them to enjoy the public spaces as trainers have set up equipment like yoga mats, dumbbells and thick ropes. That equipment is also doing damage to the grass, light posts and park benches, city officials said.

Then there are concerns about liability since some of these trainers may be operating without a proper business license or insurance. Could City Hall be sued if someone enrolled in one of these fitness classes rolls an ankle after tripping on a tree root while doing a drill in Palisades Park?

And if these trainers are operating without approval from City Hall, it's unlikely that they are paying fees or taxes, which means residents and business owners are footing the bill for these trainers to operate without a proper studio or gym.

City officials want to regulate these fit-

ness classes and possibly ban certain types of exercise equipment, and the Daily Press believes the City Council should let them. There's precedent.

Elected officials banned the use of exercise equipment in the medians on Fourth Street near the Adelaide Drive stairs in 2010 after residents raised concerns about the noise, traffic and trash generated by these workouts.

Surf camps, street performers, taxis, restaurants and other businesses are regulated, and so should personal trainers.

That said, it needs to be done in a way that is fair for all. That means no outright ban on trainers or fitness classes, but rather an open permit process that would limit the number of people allowed to participate in each class, set up designated areas where these classes could take place and at what times and set up a fee structure so that the wear and tear can be partially covered by those trainers who are profiting off of Santa Monica's well-maintained public spaces.

This should not be viewed as a form of punishment for those entrepreneurs who want to make a living getting people in shape. The Daily Press supports small businesses and wants City Hall to make it easier for them to thrive, which is why we called for changes to the Municipal Code to allow more signage so that shops and restaurants can advertise sales and meal specials.

This should be viewed as a way to better manage our open space so that all can enjoy it, including those residents who are enrolled in boot camps or workout with their trainers in the parks. They pay taxes too and should be allowed to have one-on-one instruction without their trainers having to get a permit. New rules should only apply to the larger groups. The last thing we would want is for city officials ticketing friends who do squats together.

We believe that the majority of people who are enrolled in these fitness classes are locals. Therefore they should have a right to use the park too. But to ensure that everyone has an equal opportunity, monitoring and regulating needs to occur. City Hall is on the right track. Let's just make sure it doesn't go too far.



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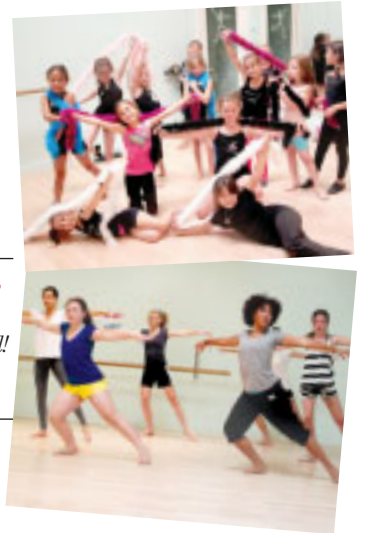
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Like father, like daughter

BY JACK NEWORTH
Special to the Daily Press

More decades ago than I care to admit, my father introduced me to the world of stand up comedy as every Sunday night we'd watch the "Ed Sullivan Show." Among the performers on the Sullivan show was a youthful George Carlin who, in a suit and thin tie, always struck me as hilarious though at my tender age I must admit the famed ventriloquist Señor Wences was my favorite performer. (Now I've dated myself even further.)

As I grew up and went through life's changes, i.e. the 1960s, so did Carlin. He came out of the "straight" closet so to speak and transformed himself from a traditional comedian whose hero was Danny Kaye to a long-haired counter culture icon whose cutting edge comedy enormously impacted young audiences and other comedians. And it did so right up until Carlin's death in 2008 at age 72.

As Bill Maher points out, as Carlin got older he was even more daring in speaking truth to power. It was as though he was saying, "I'm old, what can you do to me?"

In fact, in my personal pantheon of the Gods of standup would be Lenny Bruce, Richard Pryor and Carlin. Social critic, satirist, actor and author, Carlin might be at the top because of his constant re-inventing himself, his amazing longevity (Pryor's and Bruce's primes were painfully short) and his prodigious body of brilliant work. (Carlin had 14 HBO specials. I believe the second most is four.) Winner of five Grammys, what made Carlin proudest was that his books sold almost a million copies.

As it happens, next Thursday, April 26, at 8 p.m. at the Santa Monica Playhouse, we get a rare chance to see Carlin work again. No, it's not a séance. It's a one-woman show written and performed by Kelly Carlin, George's only child, who artfully weaves her 40-year story of growing up with her talented and often tempestuous father (who, given periodic alcohol and drug use, didn't always know best) with classic and well-timed photos and footage from his groundbreaking career. Simply said, it's a terrific show five different ways.

Not surprisingly given her DNA, Kelly Carlin is a natural storyteller. "A Carlin Home Companion" is highly entertaining, very funny and very moving. At the risk of a cliché, it's bound to make you laugh and cry. (To me, the ultimate compliment for a writer/performer.)

The charming and intimate Santa Monica Playhouse is an ideal venue as Kelly has deep roots here. She went to Santa Monica Montessori for elementary school and graduated high school at Crossroads. But finding her performing voice is a fairly recent event.

After getting her master's in psychology, Kelly had planned to become a therapist. In fact, she interned for three years when she found herself using her spare time writing stories about "growing up with George."



Photo courtesy Kelly Carlin

NEXT GEN: Kelly Carlin, daughter of satirist George Carlin, performs 'A Carlin Home Companion' at the Santa Monica Playhouse on April 26.

"A Carlin Home Companion" begins with Kelly at age 4 "making spice cookies with daddy." Naturally, "daddy's cookies had a little more spices than Kelly's." Kelly, George and Brenda (George's wife and Kelly's mom) lived in upscale Pacific Palisades surrounded by Ronald Reagan's friends and a high ranking executive at the Rand Corp. (Not exactly George's base.)

As Kelly recalls in the show, this close proximity lead to the occasionally provocative neighborly chats that may have been peppered by her dad with some of his famous seven words you still can't say on prime time radio. (Following a New York City radio broadcast there was a total of one complaint to the F.C.C. This resulted in the "seven words" case going all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court and is still known as "the Carlin words.")

A year in the making, Kelly's show, directed by noted actor, comedian and filmmaker Paul Provenza, is a remarkably honest and revealing look at what it was like to be swept up by the career of George Carlin. But it also chronicles the struggles of their father/daughter relationship and what it took for Kelly to find her own place in the world.

"A Carlin Home Companion" is a roller coaster ride of laughter, emotion and, I dare say, even insights into all our lives. (And yet, I don't think Señor Wences is mentioned once.)

To learn about Kelly's podcasts "Waking From the American Dream," or her monthly "Kelly Carlin Show" on Sirius XM Radio interviewing comedians including Robin Williams, or to order tickets for the April 26 or May 24 "A Carlin Home Companion" at the Santa Monica Playhouse, go to www.Kellycarlin.com.

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Seacrest is heir apparent to Clark's pop influence

BY SANDY COHEN

AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES As a kid, Ryan Seacrest idolized Dick Clark. As an adult, he modeled his career after the entertainment giant and helped him carry on with his annual New Year's Eve celebration after a stroke took its toll.

He called the 82-year-old mogul who died Wednesday "one of the greatest influences in my life."

Now Seacrest — uncannily in the Dick Clark mold — is left to carry on the youthful vitality and innovative spirit that Clark used so effectively to meld music and media.

And the 37-year-old is well on his way. Following Clark's playbook, Seacrest started as a radio host before expanding to TV and eventually producing. He's the voice of his nationally syndicated morning radio show and the international program "American Top 40." He's the face of "American Idol" and E! News. He's the producer behind "Keeping Up With the Kardashians" and its associated spinoffs, along with many other shows, including "Food Revolution" and "Shahs of Sunset." He's on the red carpet at the Grammys and Golden Globes. He'll be an Olympic correspondent for NBC and has hinted that he could take on a role at the "Today" show.

"Sometimes when I go home and turn on the hot water faucet, I think he's going to come out. He's everywhere," said longtime Hollywood publicist Michael Levine. "In the short term it can provide some annoyance, but in long term just adds to his iconic stature."

Clark parlayed his early radio dreams into a nearly four-decade run of "American Bandstand." He invested in the artists he promoted there and went on to produce hit shows like "TV's Bloopers and Practical Jokes" and the American Music Awards.

Seacrest enjoys a similar omnipresence, said veteran Hollywood publicist David Brokaw.

"He's becoming a 21st century Dick Clark," Brokaw said. "American Idol" is a show for everyone," and that provides Seacrest a similar platform to what Clark had with "American Bandstand."

Seacrest paid tribute to his mentor on "American Idol" on Wednesday, saying, "Without Dick, a show like this would not

exist."

"He will be missed greatly," Seacrest said. "Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family. I know he's in a better place, saying, 'Let's get on with the show.' You got it, boss."

Among Seacrest's other entertainment ventures: A \$300 million partnership with broadcasting giant Clear Channel to acquire and develop new media companies.

"We aim to build Ryan Seacrest Media into a leading multimedia company with diversified assets and interests," he said when the partnership was announced earlier this year. "The entertainment industry is thriving with innovation more than ever before."

It's also far more fragmented than ever before. Clark came up in the era before countless cable channels and the World Wide Web. Now the entertainment audience is everywhere.

"Obviously there's not the same sense of shared community today," Levine said. "But a person like Ryan can create a ubiquity and a presence on many, many platforms that would mirror what Dick Clark did."

"This presupposes that he won't have any scandals and will remain hungry," he added.

Seacrest shares other attributes with Clark that contribute to his success, Brokaw said. He's likable, he's got a "cherubic boyish charm and enthusiasm" that makes him feel like a friend and he has a hand in various entertainment entities.

"Anybody that's in this business that has any kind of high-end talent or emerging talent, you somehow crossed paths with Dick Clark, and Ryan Seacrest is the same way," Brokaw said.

And, like Clark, Seacrest is a star maker.

"Who would the Kardashians be without Ryan Seacrest?" Brokaw asked. "He's creating careers on the basis of what he does."

Clark's clean-cut and ever-youthful image appealed to people of all ages and helped make rock 'n' roll palatable to a generation of parents, just as Seacrest now does with today's stars.

Clark "was smart, charming, funny and always a true gentleman," Seacrest said Wednesday. "I learned a great deal from him, and I'll always be indebted to him for his faith and support of me. He was a remarkable host and businessman and left a rich legacy to television audiences around the world."

Now Seacrest hopes to do the same.

Kate Bransfield

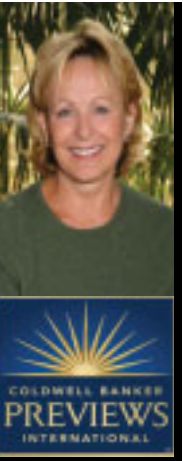
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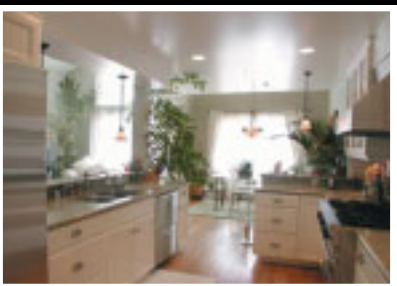
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There are major benefits to that, Davidson said.

"Right now, it's two rooms, no parking and not very accessible," she said.

Ken Edwards Center, on the other hand, has a multitude of small rooms for activities and already houses social services, benefits enrollment help, care management, the Dial-a-Ride program and other help directly targeted at seniors.

It would mean a lot for Santa Monica's seniors, 45 percent of whom live on less than \$30,000 a year and need help connecting with programs that they already qualify for but don't know how to access, Davidson told the Commission on the Senior Community at its meeting Wednesday.

Commissioners embraced the idea, saying that it just made sense.

"We agreed that it would be a good move to consolidate it gradually so seniors don't feel a void of some kind," said Commissioner Nel Bullard Steele on Thursday. "It's a beautiful setting there on the beach and ocean, but it's just not practical."

Logical, maybe, but a sure thing it is not.

Staff will go before the City Council next week to propose the idea as well as ideas on how to improve transportation for seniors in Santa Monica.

Making the transition will require their approval and another \$20,000 for WISE & Healthy Aging through June 30 and then \$150,000 for the next fiscal year to take over management of the center, Davidson said.

That would allow staff from the center to introduce

themselves to seniors at the current location on Ocean Avenue before the move to Ken Edwards Center, which is expected for early 2013.

Staff is working on a study of the Ken Edwards Center to make sure it's capable of taking on the new load. That report is expected in May.

If the transition happens as planned, it's unclear what would happen with the building in Palisades Park at this point. It might become a community cultural center, Davidson said.

According to a staff report for the April 24 City Council meeting, Santa Monica provides an estimated \$16.2 million in services to seniors aged 65 and over, excluding police department costs.

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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



Police say suspect sliced off another's ear over unpaid debt

Crime Watch is a weekly series culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

FRIDAY, APRIL 13, AT 9:21 A.M.,

Santa Monica police officers responded to the 1500 block of 15th Street to conduct a probation check at an apartment complex. At that time officers said they recognized a suspect wanted in connection with an assault earlier in the week in which a man had his ear cut off with a knife following a fight over money. The victim told officers that he was near Parking Structure 10 – 1125 Third Street – on April 11. He and the suspect were arguing over money. The victim said he paid the suspect some money, but not all that he owed. The suspect allegedly became agitated and sliced off the victim's left ear with a knife. Both fled the scene. Originally the victim did not want to get the police involved, but once he did officers went to the location where the alleged crime occurred and gathered evidence that led them to the apartment on 15th Street. While there, they took the suspect into custody and located two baggies filled with methamphetamine, some drug paraphernalia and two pill bottles containing hydrocodone and Alprazolam, a drug used to treat anxiety. A second suspect was taken into custody for possession of drugs and stolen property. The suspect allegedly involved in the attack was identified as Jerry Lee Reis, 42, of Los Angeles. He was booked for mayhem, assault with a deadly weapon and possession of a controlled substance. His bail was set at \$100,000. The second suspect was identified as Garrick Lee Brandt, 52, of Santa Monica. He was booked for possession of drugs, paraphernalia and stolen property. His bail was set at \$20,000.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, AT 7:39 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 2500 block of Fourth Street regarding a report of a man hitting himself with a skateboard. When officers arrived, they made contact with the man in the 300 block of Ocean Park Boulevard. The man seemed agitated and was displaying signs of being under the influence of drugs. Officers detained him and searched him. They allegedly found multiple hypodermic needles and other drug paraphernalia. The man was placed under arrest and transported to the Santa Monica Jail for booking. During a booking search, police found heroin hiding inside the suspect's clothing. He was eventually booked for possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia and for being under the influence of drugs. He was identified as Julian Mayersjohnson, 33, of Venice, Calif. His bail was set at \$10,000.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, AT 7:22 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 1900 block of 19th Street regarding a report of a man who was threatening to attack another person. When officers arrived, they detained the suspect and ran a background check. Officers learned that the suspect was wanted in connection with an earlier incident in which he allegedly threatened to slit another man's throat. Officers placed the suspect under arrest for assault with a deadly weapon and for making criminal threats. He was identified as Matias Frias, 42, a transient. His bail was set at \$50,000.

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

Investigators responded to the 2200 block of Main Street to serve a search warrant at the home of a suspect wanted in connection with a burglary that occurred in the 800 block of 12th Street on April 9. In that robbery, the victim reported that two computers were missing, along with some jewelry. Police said the thief was able to gain access to the home through an unlocked bedroom window. Forensics responded and gathered physical evidence, leading investigators to seek a warrant for the suspect's arrest. He was taken into custody after police found him hiding in a closet. He was booked for burglary and identified as Jordan Scales, 18, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at \$50,000.

THURSDAY, APRIL 12, AT 9:35 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 1400 block of Princeton Street regarding a report of an assault with a deadly weapon. When officers arrived, they made contact with a man who was being treated by fire fighters for various injuries. He told officers that he was trying to sleep inside his van when he heard what sounded like someone trying to urinate on his van. When he opened the rear doors of the van to confront the suspect, he accidentally hit him in the head with the door. This angered the suspect and two of his friends, who all began yelling and allegedly threatening the victim inside the van. One suspect started hitting the victim, police said. Fearing for his safety, the victim removed a fire extinguisher and tried spraying the three suspects to keep them at bay. Once it ran out, the three suspects charged him and beat him. They then jumped into a vehicle and drove off. They were pulled over a short distance from the crime scene and were identified by the victim. Police placed all three under arrest for assault with a deadly weapon. Two were already on probation. The suspects were identified as Roberto Coreamolina, 26, Marco Gonzalez, 22, and Carlos Huevo, 19; all from Los Angeles. Bail was set at \$30,000 each.

TUESDAY, APRIL 10, AT 2:45 A.M.,

Officers on routine patrol on Neilson Way said they saw a 1991 green Honda Accord drive in front of them with no rear license plate light. The driver seemed to be straddling lanes, police said. A traffic stop was conducted and during a search of the vehicle and the passenger's purse, police said they found three glass pipes commonly used to smoke meth. The passenger was placed under arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia. She was identified as Leslie Johana Garcia, 27, of Los Angeles. Her bail was set at \$500.

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FISH

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The result: Over 55 percent of the 119 samples collected were mislabeled under federal guidelines, and even more flexible California laws were routinely violated.

Results from sushi restaurants were even worse, with nine out of 10 tested coming up as the wrong kind of fish, according to the report.

It's a widespread problem that many consumers aren't aware of, but should be, said Kimberly Warner, one of the authors of the report.

"The seafood supply is so obscure and non-transparent that it's hard to show where along this chain mislabeling and fraud occur," Warner said.

That kind of mislabeling can be harmful both for health reasons, and also because consumers may be tricked into paying more for a premium fish when they're actually purchasing a lesser product.

Those with allergies to certain kinds of fish or other sensitivities could be seriously hurt by mislabeled fish.

Or, in the case of an anonymous sushi restaurant in Santa Monica that got popped by the report, those serving up mislabeled fish may be responsible for more embarrassing conditions. (Officials with Oceana would not release the name of the Santa Monica restaurant because they felt it was unfair

given that they were not certain who was at fault for the mislabeled fish — the restaurant or the supplier.)

According to the report, a sushi restaurant in town told customers they were eating "white tuna" or "ono" when, in fact, they were eating a variety of snake mackerel called escolar.

While that might sound more annoying than anything, over-consumption of escolar can result in gastrointestinal problems, namely some nasty diarrhea.

According to the report, eight out of nine sushi restaurants switched out "white tuna" for escolar, and others used escolar in place of ono, a fish also called a "wahoo."

Mislabeling also strikes at another vulnerable spot for many consumers. Their wallet.

Not all fish sellers know that they're passing off bad product, but those that do are cashing in, said Mary Smith, marketing manager for the Santa Monica Seafood Company.

"Those who are doing it on purpose are selling a less expensive fish as a more expensive fish to make money," she said.

In the study, every single sample of fish labeled "red snapper," for instance, was actually another fish masquerading as the popular dinner item, despite the fact that the federal government recognizes 47 different kinds of fish species as "snapper."

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trailing "Come to prom with me, Kayla?" to fly over a student fundraiser his girlfriend Kayla Bennett was attending at King High School in Tampa in March.

"I've seen it for weddings and I wanted to do something huge or unique," said Alex, a senior who paid for the flyover with money he earned working at a family business. "I didn't want to do anything generic. In the history of the school, no one has done anything that big. It's going to be my only prom, first time ever, last time ever, with someone who's been my girlfriend for two and a half years, so it deserves to be that big."

The plane flew over a student Relay for Life event, which raises money for the American Cancer Society, right before the talent show, while a sound system played a Michael Buble cover of the Frank Sinatra song, "Come Fly With Me."

"Everyone was cheering and she had the biggest smile on her face," Alex said. Naturally, Kayla said yes.

Rebecca Leet, 17, had an audience of over 250 people for a prom-posal from her boyfriend, Joe Nelson, 18. Rebecca and Joe both worked on a school performance of "Thoroughly Modern Millie" at Collierville High School in Collierville, Tenn. At the end of the show, their teacher, Keith Salter, told the audience to stay put for one more thing.

Joe came out on stage, got down on one knee and pulled out a box with a ring in it. "It's not what you think!" Salter quickly assured the audience, as some gasped, thinking it was a teenage marriage proposal.

Then Joe popped the question — the prom question. "She got all teary and said yes," Joe said. "It made my day just knowing I did something memorable and she really enjoyed it."

Nancy Darling, an Oberlin College professor of psychology who studies adolescent development, said teenage relationships go through stages, one of which is taking the romance public. "It's a public declaration of 'I really want to go to the prom, and I like you!'" she said.

She added that despite stereotypes of teens "as sex-driven and aggressive," data shows kids are now becoming "more conservative" socially, with less sexual intercourse than previous generations. "We're back to being romantic," she said.

And while some prom-posals come from girls, most are planned by boys, letting them show off "this whole sweet side that doesn't get a lot of chance to come up," said Darling. "We've really underestimated the romance of guys."

The Heart Bandits, a "romance event coordinating company" that usually arranges marriage proposals, has, for the first time this year, gotten requests for help with prom-posals, said Michele Velazquez, co-owner of the company. The Heart Bandits created a scavenger hunt in Santa Monica that led a girl to a classroom with candles, rose petals and her prospective date holding a "Will you go to prom?" sign. In Michigan, signs were posted on a road ending with an invitation to prom. Velazquez said she's had inquiries from other teens, but most can't afford the \$300 pricetag.

But many prom-posals are creative without costing a fortune. In East Greenwich, R.I., baker Michael Valente at Felicia's Coffee got an order for a cake with a frosting heart and the words, "Juliana, Prom?" "It was something new for me," Valente said. "But I think it was so sweet."

Search YouTube for "prom invitation" and you'll find homemade videos of lone Romeos crooning to their beloveds, flash mobs dancing to taped songs during the formal ask, and groups of kids wearing T-shirts that spell out "PROM" one letter at a time. Keith Naranjo, a senior at a high school in Manhattan, Kan., put together a fruit basket with cute notes for each fruit like "Let's go to the promegranate" and "I'm berry serious."

"A lot of times you'll see notes written on kids' car windows with markers," said Will Sherwood, a student at Plant High School in Tampa who hid his prom invitation in a bouquet of flowers. "Or there will be 2,000 sticky notes and each sticky note makes a letter. I saw one on Facebook where someone left tiny candles lit on a front porch that spelled out prom."

He added that "because of social media, people like to take pictures of it and put it up on Facebook, and then other people will say, 'You have such a good guy!'"

Just be careful where you hang those signs. Last year, James Tate, a student at Shelton High School in Shelton, Conn., was barred from his prom because he had put the invitation in big cardboard letters on a school wall. Fortunately, after the story made national headlines, the school headmaster relented, and Tate was allowed to go.

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That kind of fraud also impacts the environment, Smith said.

Consumers who choose to “vote with their dollars” to support sustainable fishing practices by buying wild caught fish over farmed get duped by nefarious labeling practices.

Santa Monica Seafood ensures its seafood is exactly what it says it is by putting expert teams at docks and inspecting facilities that supply it fish.

That means making sure fish comes in whole as much as possible so that well-trained inspectors can tell what kind of animal was caught.

The company plans to begin DNA testing its fish in the near future for extra security, Smith said.

“We don’t want people worrying about fraud to drive them not to purchase seafood,” Smith said. “We want people to be eating more seafood.”

Santa Monica Seafood’s practices have earned it a Food Safety System Certification, making it the first seafood company in the country to get the certification.

According to the report, even lesser levels of quality assurance are more rare than most consumers believe.

The United States imports 84 percent of its seafood. In 2009, only 2 percent of that total was inspected and less than .001 percent specifically for seafood fraud, according to the Oceana report.

Fixing that will involve more testing along the supply chain and good vigilance, Warner said.

There are some legislative remedies in the works.



Photo courtesy Google Images

IMPOSTER: Escolar is being passed off as tuna.

State Sen. Ted Lieu, who is running unopposed to represent Santa Monica in a newly created district, is carrying a bill that would require retail-food outlets with 19 or more establishments that sell seafood as a menu item to identify as part of the menu the specific species of fish served, the country in which it was caught and whether or not it was farm raised or wild caught.

“As our food supply becomes more global, it is more important than ever to give consumers accurate information about the seafood they eat,” Lieu said. “Our health may depend on it.”

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Bill would ban hunters' use of dogs to tree bears

BY TRACIE CONE
Associated Press

FRESNO, Calif. A decades-old fight is brewing again over legislation to ban the use of dog packs to chase bears and bobcats up trees so a hunter can kill them.

The latest measure, scheduled for a Senate committee hearing next week, comes after the state's top fish and game official was criticized this year for a hound-hunting trip Idaho.

Dan Richards shot a mountain lion that had been chased up a tree. A photo of him with the dead cougar was printed in a hunting publication.

Many were outraged because mountain lions are a protected species in California, but Richards maintained that he violated no hunting laws in Idaho.

Opponents of dog packs for hunting say the practice is unsportsmanlike because the targeted animal has little chance of eluding the hunter no matter how far it runs.

The California Houndsmen for Conservation, the state's leading hound-hunting group, decried the measure, which is being pushed by the Humane Society of the United States.

"This bill has no merit, is founded on misconceptions that are promoted with propaganda" and is not something lawmakers should spend time on, group president Josh Brones wrote in an email.

The bill's co-author said Richards' hunting trip helped revive the issue for him.

practice would have been banned in California already, like it is in Montana, Wyoming, Colorado and other pro-hunting states," Sen. Ted Lieu said.

"It's completely unnecessary," he added. The bill was co-authored by Sen. Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, a Democrat. Gov. Jerry Brown hasn't weighed in, but Lieu said he believes he has support in the Democrat-majority committee.

It's not the first time such a bill has been floated in the California legislature, but on two previous tries it didn't advance past the committee.

Fourteen other states have similar prohibitions. The California bill would still allow hound hunting for other animals, including wild boar.

Less than 1 percent of California's 36 million residents own hunting licenses, and it wasn't immediately clear how many of them are hound hunters. A question posed to Brones about the number of hound hunters was not immediately answered.

Brones said the bill was "political retaliation" over legislators' inability to oust Richards, a Republican real estate developer appointed by then-Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Forty Assembly members signed letters asking for Richards' resignation. Lieu and Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom also wrote letters asking for his ouster. Richards' term expires in January.

The state's Fair Political Practices Commission said he violated the state's gift limit by accepting the \$6,800 trip. He repaid the money after the legal deadline.

Research firm: Calif. home sales for March rise

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO The number of homes sold in California during March hit a five-year high as prices held steady, according to a survey released Thursday.

More than 37,000 new and existing homes and condominiums sold in the state last month, real estate research firm DataQuick reported. That's almost a 3 percent rise from the same month last year and the best March since nearly 40,000 homes sold in March 2007.

The median price paid for a home in California last month was \$251,000, up less than 1 percent from a year earlier.

More than half of last month's sales statewide were of homes either in foreclosure or being sold for less than what the seller owed on the mortgage.

The statewide figures reflected little disparity between the housing markets in the northern and southern parts of California.

Home prices across much of the San Francisco Bay area showed signs of leveling off as March sales hit their highest point in five years, DataQuick reported.

Nearly 7,700 new and existing homes and condominiums sold in the nine-county Bay region in March, up more than 9 percent from the same period in 2011. It's the highest tally for the month since more than 8,300 homes were sold in March 2007.

San Diego-based Data Quick said the jump was spurred in part by lower prices, though the decline from the same time last

year was minimal. The median sales price last month was \$358,000, a drop of less than 1 percent from the median March 2011 price of \$360,000.

"While the changes we're seeing are incremental, they're incremental in a positive direction," said DataQuick President John Walsh.

About one-quarter of existing home sales in the region were for properties in foreclosure during the previous year. Another 19 percent were "short sales" — when the price is below the amount owed by the seller.

All-cash sales favored by investors accounted for slightly less than 30 percent of March sales in the region, while absentee buyers made up a little less than one-quarter of all sales. Both rates were near historic highs.

Foreclosures in the Bay Area remained above typical levels but were down compared with the peak of the housing crisis.

In figures released Tuesday, DataQuick found that high-end home sales lifted prices to a six-month high in Southern California in March, as the region's housing market remained in a gradual recovery.

In the region, sales of homes for at least \$500,000 jumped 36 percent in March from February, outpacing the total sales increase of 28.1 percent for those months, DataQuick said.

"The year is young and lots could still change, but the results from the first big sales month of 2012 suggest the market is stuck in low gear. This remains a very gradual, not to mention fragile, recovery," Walsh said.

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Trouble in threes: Scandals hamper Obama's message

BY JIM KUHNHENN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON It isn't Mitt Romney who's giving Barack Obama fits as the president pivots to re-election mode. It's those federal bureaucrats carousing in Las Vegas, the Secret Service consorting with Columbian prostitutes and U.S. soldiers posing with bloody enemy corpses.

The scandals are taking a toll. They are distracting embarrassments that are dominating public attention while Obama seeks to focus on difficulties abroad and jobs at home. And they are giving Republicans an opportunity to question his competence and leadership, an opening for Romney in a race so close that any advantage might make a difference.

Even if the Democratic president escapes being defined by these flare-ups, they still feed a story line that can erode public confidence in Washington institutions, fuel a perception of federal excess and frustrate Obama's argument that government can be a force for good.

The White House response has been textbook — a mix of outrage and deflection.

"The president has been crystal clear since he was a candidate about the standards that he insists be met by those who work for the federal government and on behalf of the American people and for the American people," says White House spokesman Jay Carney.

But taken altogether, the events have overwhelmed the president's agenda. The Secret Service scandal broke while Obama was in Cartagena last weekend for a Summit of the Americas with more than 30 Western hemisphere leaders. Back home the head-

lines and the news anchors were hardly focusing on the summit, instead playing up the fact that 11 Secret Service agents and uniformed officers had been sent home on accusations of misconduct.

By the time the president got home, General Services Administration officials were appearing before congressional committees about a lavish Las Vegas conference and junkets to resorts, and more evidence of excess was beginning to emerge. Obama's attempts to draw attention to his efforts against oil market manipulation on Tuesday and to help the economy on Wednesday were drowned out by further Secret Service revelations and by the publication of gruesome photos depicting GIs with the bodies of Afghan insurgents.

"Even though you may not be losing ground because it's not the White House taking the hits, you're no longer gaining ground because the White House doesn't get its message out," said Ari Fleischer a former spokesman for President George W. Bush.

Obama quickly tried to put distance between himself and the accounts of misbehavior. White House spokesmen avoided getting into specifics, instead citing investigations under way and referring reporters to the Secret Service or the GSA or the Pentagon.

"If it's at an agency, White Houses do their best to keep it arms' length and let the agency take the hits and deal with it," Fleischer said. "I think that's what's going on here."

Yet, the president can't turn his back on the problems, either, and is ultimately held responsible for restoring the reputations of

troubled agencies.

"Part of the president's job is to protect the institutions of government," said Paul Light, an expert on government bureaucracies and professor of public service at New York University. "He is administrator in chief whether he likes it or not."

Some Republicans were folding the Secret Service and GSA episodes together with Solyndra, a solar firm that received a half-billion dollar federal loan and was touted by the Obama administration before declaring bankruptcy last year.

"Presidents are to be held responsible," Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., said Thursday. "They also need to be responsible for insisting that from the top to the lowest employee that not one single dollar will be wasted in this government," he added. "I don't sense that this president has shown that kind of managerial leadership."

What's more, each the recent events also works in its own corrosive way.

The GSA's \$823,000 Las Vegas conference, complete with gourmet food, clown and mind reader, have given Republicans ammunition to attack government bloat. And for that, there is a ready audience.

"If he could see what I see on a daily basis, how some of the money is being spent, he would want to throw up," said Linda Heck, a Ford Motor Co. retiree protesting in Elyria, Ohio, Wednesday not far from where Obama was speaking to a community college crowd.

"I'm sitting in focus groups right this minute where it just came up," said Democratic pollster Mark Mellman. "It's an example — talking about the GSA — of

what's wrong with government. It gives them some ammunition and something to talk about."

Romney this week called the GSA "embarrassing" to the Obama administration and made a point of stressing that leadership is set at the top.

Still, his criticism seemed aimed more at painting a bloated government than as a direct shot at Obama.

"It damages this president indirectly because he is being portrayed as the president of big government," Light said.

As governor of Massachusetts from 2003 through 2006, Romney encountered his own troubles, including fights with the head of the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority over management and construction problems with Boston's "Big Dig" highway project.

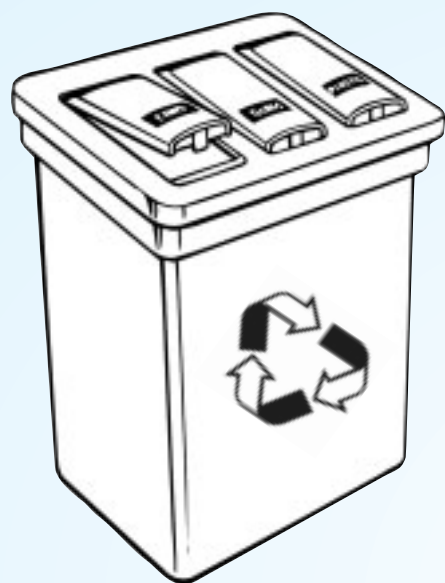
Romney this week was more nuanced about the Secret Service, which is also providing security for him on the campaign trail. He urged firing Secret Service employees caught in the incident involving prostitutes but said he had confidence in the response by agency Director Mark Sullivan, whose swift action on the agents and uniformed officers suspected of wrongdoing won praise from other Republicans.

As a result, the Secret Service scandal is not, at this point, seeming to hit the White House.

But it has damaged an institution whose public image has been upright and heroic.

Mellman said such falls from grace increase public cynicism, which itself can be damaging in a democracy.

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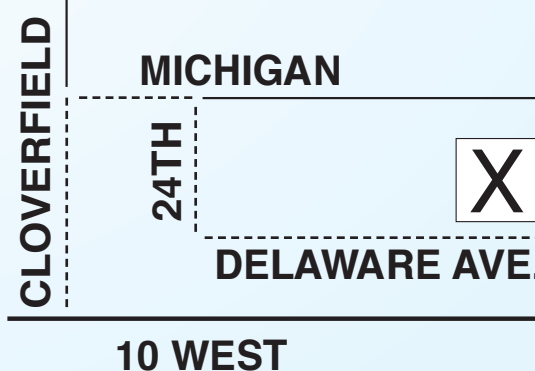
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CDC: 2011 was worst measles year in US in 15 years

BY MIKE STOBBE
AP Medical Writer

ATLANTA Last year was the worst year for measles in the U.S. in 15 years, health officials said Thursday.

There were 222 cases of measles, a large jump from the 60 or so seen in a typical year. Most of the cases last year were imported — either by foreign visitors or by U.S. residents who picked up the virus overseas.

U.S. children have been getting vaccinated against the measles for about 50 years. But low vaccination rates in Europe and other places resulted in large outbreaks overseas last year.

So far this year, 27 U.S. cases have been reported and it's too early to gauge whether 2012 will be as bad as last year. But with large international events like the London Olympics coming up, health officials are urging everyone — particularly international travelers — to make sure they're fully vaccinated.

"For those of you traveling abroad, bring back memories and not measles," said Dr. Anne Schuchat of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Generally, the Americans who got measles last year were not vaccinated. At least two-thirds of the U.S. cases fell into that category, including 50 children whose parents got philosophical, religious or medical exemptions to skip the school vaccinations required by most states, CDC officials said.

The vaccine is considered very effective but a few vaccinated people still get infected.

Measles is highly contagious. The virus spreads easily through the air, and in closed rooms, infected droplets can linger for up to

two hours after the sick person leaves.

It causes a fever, runny nose, cough and a rash all over the body. In rare cases, measles can be deadly, and is particularly dangerous for children. Infection can also cause pregnant women to have a miscarriage or premature birth.

No measles deaths were reported in the U.S. last year; the last one occurred in 2003. But about a third of the 2011 cases were hospitalized, and one child was touch-and-go for about a week before finally recovering, one CDC official said.

Officials traced 200 of last year's 222 cases to measles in another country, said Schuchat, director of the CDC's Office of Infectious Diseases. The largest outbreak was in the Minneapolis area where 21 cases were traced to a child who got sick after a trip to Kenya.

The last time the United States had more measles was in 1996, when 508 cases were reported.

Before the vaccine was available, nearly all children got measles by their 15th birthday and epidemics cycled through the nation every two to three years — generally peaking in the late winter or spring. In those days, about 450 to 500 Americans died from measles each year.

Two doses of a measles-mumps-rubella vaccine are recommended for all children, including a first dose given around a child's first birthday and a second dose around the time of preschool. These vaccinations are believed to last for a lifetime. Children as young as 6 months can get a first dose if they're going to a country with measles outbreaks, health officials say.

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"What it does do is contributes to the very low confidence that people have in all of our institutions," he said.

For Obama, the photographs that purport to show U.S. soldiers with the bodies of Afghan insurgents feeds an on-and-off image of American warriors over the last 10 years that was most notoriously damaged by pictures from Abu Ghraib, an Iraqi prison where U.S. military police

photographed themselves abusing detainees.

In recent months, American troops have been caught up in controversies over burning Muslim holy books, urinating on Afghan corpses, an alleged massacre of 17 Afghan villagers and other misdeeds.

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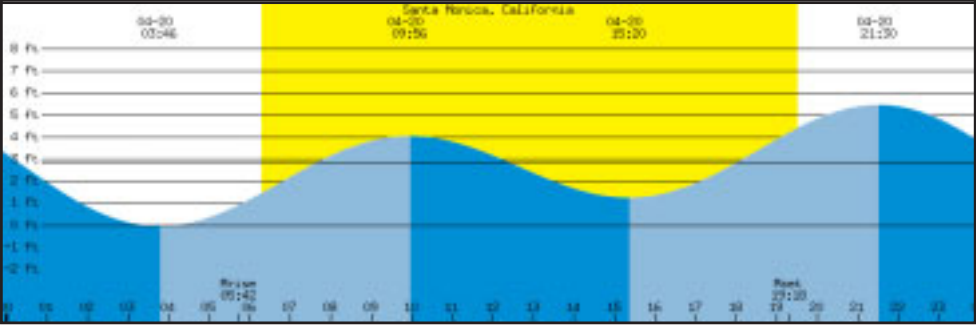
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LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Canillo Beach, at Arroyo Sepul Creek mouth.	A+	A	Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club near fence.	A+	A
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A	Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A
El Pescador State Beach, between Luchessa and Los Alamos creeks.	m	m	Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	A
Escalante Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chatsworth).	B	A
Basal Beach at Trancoso Creek mouth.	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Westmonte Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	F	Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	B
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	C	Santa Monica Beach at Plaza/Venice storm drain.	A	C
Escalante Creek, just east of Escalante State Beach.	A+	F	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants).	A+	A
Lodge Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Solstice Canyon at San Blocker County Beach.	A+	D	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	A+
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	C	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	A
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24672 Malibu Rd.	A+	A+	Venice Beach at Winkhurst Ave. drain.	F	A+
Sanfilippo Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	A
Sanfilippo Beach (beach location) - daily.	B	F	Venice Beach- projection of Topical St.	A+	B
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Angels ink SS Aybar to 4-year, \$35 million deal

BY GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

ANAHEIM, Calif. Erick Aybar signed with the Angels as an undrafted teenager a decade ago, progressing all the way from rookie ball in Utah to a glamorous job as Los Angeles’ Gold Glove shortstop and leadoff hitter.

With free agency finally in sight, Aybar chose to stay loyal to the organization that believed in him.

Aybar signed a four-year, \$35 million contract through 2016 with the Angels on Thursday, passing on the chance to go on the open market this winter.

The switch-hitting Dominican veteran formally signed his deal at a news conference in a restaurant just outside Disneyland while flanked by his wife and daughter and Albert Pujols, who showed up for support.

“I knew the free-agent possibility was there, and I knew some teams were going to be needing a shortstop, but the way I’ve been treated here was more than fair,” Aybar said through a translator. “There was no need to look outside. ... Now I just need to put that aside, play the game, and get on base so Albert can drive me in.”

Aybar first made the majors in 2006 and emerged as a starter in 2009, when he batted .312 with 58 RBIs while helping the Angels reach the ALCS. He posted career highs of 10 homers, 59 RBIs and 30 stolen bases last season while winning his first Gold Glove.

Angels manager Mike Scioscia remembers the first day he heard about Aybar in 2002 from then-general manager Bill Stoneman.

“He came to us one day right after Erick had signed, and said, ‘Wait until you see this kid at shortstop,’” Scioscia said. “We really saw the growth he had from a young, flashy shortstop that could make an incredible play ... to a kid that has turned into, I think, the best defensive shortstop in our league. That’s a growth we’re all proud of.”

Aybar gets a \$1 million signing bonus. He will make \$8.5 million in each of the next four seasons in a deal structured from 2013-16 because of its luxury tax implications.

He will get a \$75,000 bonus for his next Gold Glove or a Silver Slugger award, and \$50,000 for making an All-Star team. Aybar would make \$75,000 as the MVP of a league championship

series and \$100,000 as World Series MVP.

Aybar’s deal has a \$150,000 bonus for winning a league MVP award, with \$75,000 for a second- or third-place finish and \$50,000 for fourth or fifth.

Aybar’s .389 average in spring training led the Angels, but he has begun the regular season in a slump. He snapped an 0-for-15 skid Wednesday night with a pinch-hit double, raising his average to .190.

Aybar’s deal adds another hefty long-term contract to the growing list of commitments by the Angels, who signed Pujols to a \$240 million deal and left-hander C.J. Wilson to a \$77.5 million deal during free agency. Aybar’s double-play battery mate, All-Star second baseman Howie Kendrick — another home-grown Angels player — got a \$33.5 million deal in January, and ace Jered Weaver agreed to an \$85 million deal last August.

While acknowledging concerns about roster flexibility, general manager Jerry Dipoto sees the Angels’ growing commitments as a privilege, not a burden. He sees the long-term deals as a mandate for the Angels’ scouting and player-development staffs to keep producing young homegrown talent that can fill the gaps between the huge contracts.

“It’s awfully hard to find good middle-of-the-infield players, and we’ve now wrapped up Erick and Howie for ... these are the best years of their career,” Dipoto said. “These contracts are good for the club, and good for the players. They got to achieve what their goals would be. They got to stay where they want to stay, where their families are going to be taken care of, and we achieved what we want to achieve, to get good players that can impact our team at positions that are tough to fill.”

Weaver and Kendrick both cited the Angels’ talented clubhouse and the organization’s collegial atmosphere while signing deals likely below their open-market value. Aybar did the same.

Winning also helps: The Angels have made the playoffs six times in the past 10 years while winning at least 80 games in every season since 2003.

“Clearly, this is a family,” Dipoto said. “Sosh means a lot to him. His teammates mean a lot to him. I think he saw this core group starting to stabilize, and he wanted to be a part of it.”

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Be optimistic, Libra

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You keep putting your best foot forward, but someone continues to step on it. Be more in touch with how much you offer and give. You will see the difference quite quickly when you approach others with this newfound awareness. Tonight: Buy a few items to spruce up your wardrobe.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Keep an even pace; take a power nap if need be. A New Moon in your sign promises a new beginning. You want to be the captain on the ship of your life, not just a passenger. Do not allow someone's negativity to become a burden. Tonight: All smiles.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You have been thinking through some life decisions, even if you haven't necessarily wanted to. You might be on the verge of making them a reality. Tonight: You can decide to do nothing.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Get past someone's demand, or handle a responsibility. By midafternoon, you'll tend to be more gregarious. Whether you're at a lunch meeting or a social happening, you seem to say and do the right things. Tonight: Do not allow today's mood to get the best of you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Quickly make calls, reach out for others and get to the basis of an issue without coloring the story by personal bias. Someone might make a demand or request that forces you to take the lead; make it your pleasure. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Deal with calls and people individually. You could be unusually uptight about a situation and allow it to color your day. Pull back to see if this is the case. Take a walk, detach and approach others with a new attitude. Tonight: Go with something offbeat.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Try to curb a tendency to self-sabotage. You have been unusually negative or touchy lately. Others might approach you, but head in another direction before they say much if they catch a whiff of your attitude. Tonight: Work on being optimistic.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Your effort to preserve a situation might backfire. You cannot fight change -- not emotionally, personally or professionally. Go with the flow, and trust that something better is ahead. Tonight: Join an acquaintance you do not see often.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Listen to your inner voice. You sense that you might want to get out the door or start the weekend early. Listen to a child or loved one; he or she will encourage you to go with spontaneity. Think before you leap. Tonight: Let your energy make the call.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Tension builds and causes a problem when you interact with authority figures. Know when to pull back and opt for a less public stance. A personal or domestic issue needs more attention at this point. Tonight: You do not need to go far.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Keep communication flowing, even if you don't exactly understand what is happening. In your mind, you sense that someone is holding back. Tonight: Visit with a friend on the way home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Someone could be asking for what you cannot give. This person might not understand why you refuse to go along with his or her request. Distance yourself for now. In the near future, you could get past this resistance. Tonight: Head home, then decide.

Happy birthday

This year you discover your inner reclusive side. Others might express their worry or be taken aback. Respond openly to their inquiries, as much as you can. Most likely, you will be enjoying your downtime. If you are single, you could meet someone who is emotionally unavailable. Be careful before you plunge into a new relationship. If you are attached, the two of you will spend a lot of time together and enjoy it. Make sure you get enough R and R. A fellow TAURUS can be pushy!

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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average



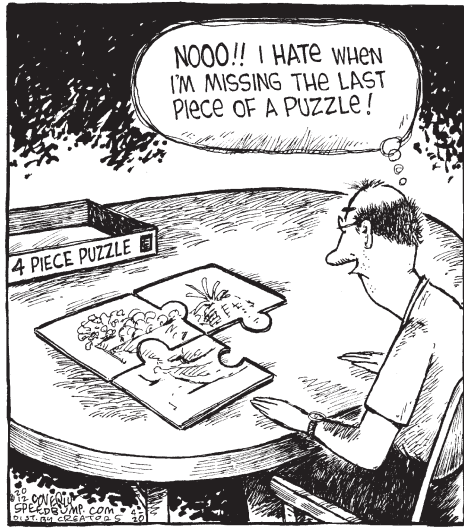
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Speed Bump

By Dave Coverly



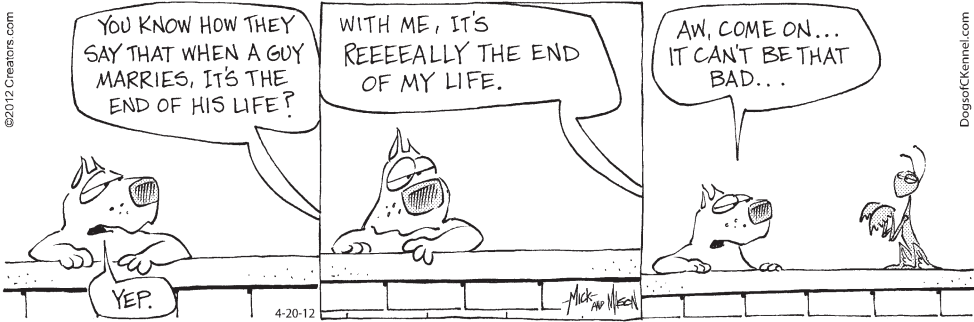
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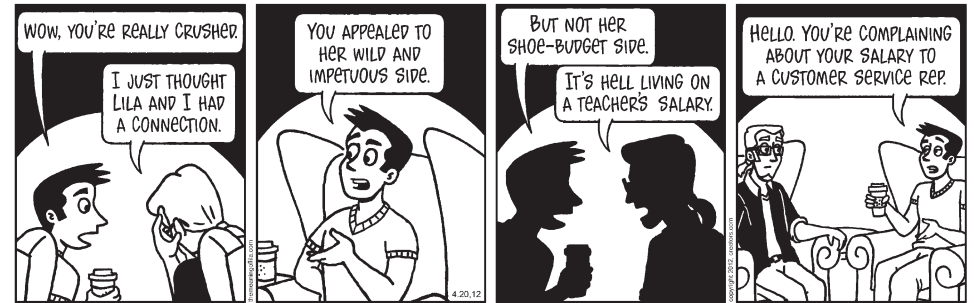
Garfield

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The Meaning of Lila

By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from ★ (easiest) to ★★★★★ (hardest).

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

4	7	8	1	6	2	5	3	9
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ACROSS

- 1 Photo finish
- 6 Casino request
- 11 Clear sky
- 12 Fire product
- 13 Clip
- 14 Future flowers
- 15 Short time
- 16 She loved Hamlet
- 18 Dos preceder
- 19 Milne marsupial
- 20 None too cordial
- 21 Hunger reminder
- 23 Some love songs
- 25 Nourished
- 27 Numerical prefix
- 28 Skirmish
- 30 A long time
- 33 German article
- 34 Course goal
- 36 Supporter's vote
- 37 Planned
- 39 Kayo count
- 40 Hog holders

- 41 British lockups
- 43 Exact copy
- 44 Up — (stuck)
- 45 Posts
- 46 High homes

DOWN

- 1 Blunder
- 2 Goddess of wisdom
- 3 John Grisham book
- 4 Hot brew
- 5 Blunder
- 6 Discuss in detail
- 7 "Got it"

- 8 John Grisham book
- 9 Army docs
- 10 Lamb work
- 17 Okra unit
- 22 Salon stuff
- 24 Pitcher's stat
- 26 Kicks out
- 28 Yankees legend
- 29 Ring setting
- 31 Lace's place
- 32 Detects
- 33 Harrow blades
- 35 Daughter of Lear
- 38 Watch over
- 42 Eroded

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- Insert the given numbers in the empty squares so when they are calculated in threes from left to right and top to bottom they satisfy the demands in the shaded boxes both horizontally and vertically.
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Solution for Task 792

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Mark "Chopper" Read only wanted to help out his son's youth athletics program in the Melbourne, Australia, suburb of Collingwood in February, but was rebuffed. He had offered his assistance at track meets by, for instance, firing the starter's pistol for races, but officials declined after learning that Read had recently been released from prison after 23 years and had boasted of killing 19 people and once attempting to kidnap a judge at gunpoint.

■ Damien Bittar of Eugene, Ore., turned 21 at midnight on March 15 and apparently wanted to get a quick start on his legal-drinking career. By 1:30 a.m., his car had been impounded, and he had been charged with DUI, reckless driving and criminal mischief after he accidentally crashed into an alcohol rehabilitation center.

■ Internal Revenue Service is battling the estate of art dealer Ileana Sonnabend over the value of a Robert Rauschenberg stuffed bald eagle that is part of his work "Canyon." IRS has levied taxes as if the work were worth \$65 million, but the Sonnabend estate, citing multiple auction-house appraisals, says the correct value is "zero," since it is impossible to sell the piece because two federal laws prohibit the trafficking of bald eagles, whether dead or alive. (Despite the law, IRS says, there is a black market for the work, for example, by a "recluse billionaire in China (who) might want to buy it and hide it.")

TODAY IN HISTORY

1980 - Climax of Berber Spring in Algeria as hundreds of Berber political activists are arrested.

1984 - The Good Friday Massacre, an extremely violent ice hockey playoff game, is played in Montreal, Canada.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012048746 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 03/22/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as STEVE SHEA LANDSCAPE DESIGN. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: STEVE SHEA 1954 HILLCREST ROAD, 8 LOS ANGELES, CA 90068. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s:/STEVE SHEA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 03/22/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 04/20/2012, 04/27/2012, 05/04/2012, 05/11/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012048745 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 03/22/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as 922 NAILSPOT. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: JACELYN TSU 11664 LAMBERT AVE. EL MONTE, CA 91732. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s:/JACELYN TSU. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 03/22/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 04/20/2012, 04/27/2012, 05/04/2012, 05/11/2012.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012049228 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 03/22/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MINGFENG PACKAGING. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: FRANK XIONG 609 FAIRVIEW AVE. #8 ARCADIA, CA 91007. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/.. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 03/22/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 04/20/2012, 04/27/2012, 05/04/2012, 05/11/2012.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012047370 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 03/21/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LEARNING TREE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: SARAH MAEL 8635 FALMOUTH AVE. #214 PLAYA DEL REY, CA 90293, ANDREEA SCHWIMMER 11677 GOSHEN AVE. #211 LOS ANGELES, CA 90049. This Business is being conducted by: Copartners. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s:/SARAH MAEL. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 03/20/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 04/18/2012, 04/25/2012, 05/02/2012, 05/09/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 20120463455 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 03/20/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as GO PRODUCTS PLUS. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: ARTHUR STEPANIAN 5143 BAKMAN AVENUE UNIT #217 NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA 91601. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s:/ARTHUR STEPANIAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 03/20/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 04/18/2012, 04/25/2012, 05/02/2012, 05/09/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012046852 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 03/20/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as JUICEBOX ORGANICS, JUICE BOX. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: Paige Slaughter 337 N. Genesee Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90036. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s:/Paige Slaughter. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 03/20/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 04/18/2012, 04/25/2012, 05/02/2012, 05/09/2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012049230 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 03/22/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as NAS COLLISION CEN-

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TER. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: R&R VENTURES INC 4709 WEST PICO BLVD LOS ANGELES, CA 90019. This Business is being conducted by: a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)02/23/1999. /s/: RON FARZAN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 03/22/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 04/20/2012, 04/27/2012, 05/04/2012, 05/11/2012.

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